Foreign intruders

†1637. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Bangladeshi intruders, Talibans and other persons of foreign origin are living unchecked in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Governments have totally failed to have stringent monitoring on them;

(c) whether many problems are arising due to such intruders who are affecting internal security together with economy of the country; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Central Government to tackle the said situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Government is aware of the presence of illegally staying foreigners (including Bangladeshi nationals) in the country.

(b) to (d) The power under Section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations who have been asked to launch special drives from time to time to detect and deport illegally staying foreigners. During the year 2003, 20,768 such foreign nationals were deported from the country.

Buildings without safty equipments in Delhi

1638. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several buildings, schools and hospitals in the capital Delhi have no fire safety equipments as being reported in the media;

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) After enforcement of the Delhi Building Bye-Laws, 1983, it has become mandatory to obtain 'clearance' from the Delhi Fire Service for construction and No Objection Certificate (NOC) for

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